

**KELSO CITY COUNCIL
7:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2004
REGULAR MEETING**

Steve White, Kelso Police Department Chaplain, gave the invocation. Mayor Don Gregory led the flag salute. Mayor Gregory called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Keolker, and Johnson.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of the 1/20/04 Regular Meeting', motion carried, all voting yes.

Citizens Business: Sarah Giddens, Kiffany Iverson, and David Dolan who are KHS students representing Deca, an association of student marketing, gave presentations. **Sarah:** We just went to competition in Vancouver. We have 29 students going to state. All written projects that were sent in qualified for state. **Kiffany:** David and I document all the Deca activities and keep citizens of Kelso aware of what Deca is doing at Kelso High School. **David:** A display case of awards and metals of past Deca winners has been set up in the school library.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Liquor License-Special Occasion: Kelso/Longview Ladies of the Elks Annual Wine Tasting – March 6, 2004. Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, 'Approve the Liquor License request,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Set Public Hearing to review the draft 2004-2008 Consolidated Plan for the HOME Program: Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Approve the date of April 6, 2004 for the Public Hearing for the Home Program to review the draft 2004-2008 Consolidated Plan for the Home Program,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Set Public Hearing to Allocate 2004 HOME Funding: Upon Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the date of April 6, 2004 for the Public Hearing to allocate 2004 HOME Funding.' Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

I-5 SR432 Talley Way Modified Access Decision Report: Kent Anderson, who is a member of the corps decision-making team consisting of representatives from Kelso, Longview, CWCOC, Cowlitz County, Port of Longview, and WSDOT, gave a presentation. This team, which has been meeting since the fall of 2002, unanimously recommends Alternative K, which the City of Kelso developed. Further discussion

followed. Upon Motion by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Approval of Capital Budget of CSOB: Councilmember Slater, Sewer Operating Board member, recommended the budget. Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Johnson, 'Approve the 2004 CSOB capital budget.' Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT: 1) We are working on the plaque for the new City Hall. 2) The City Hall project is about 4-6 weeks behind, but things are moving along really well. We are probably looking at completion in August or September. 3) A letter was sent out to approximately 25 stakeholders who are involved with the planning of Tam O'Shanter Park informing them of two meetings with Berger & Associates. The first meeting will be on February 24 at the depot. We want to have representatives from the school, park board, and various sports organizations at these meetings to develop some new concepts in developing the park. 4) On February 10 we will have a special council meeting to discuss the visitor's center, stadium fund, and zoning. 5) I want to wish my son a Happy Birthday! 6) We are in the process of getting the Yesler Window repaired. It will be displayed in the new City Hall. 7) We are moving ahead with the phones, data system, and the AV system for the Council Chamber. We are also looking at new and used furnishings.

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) We had some discussion as to whether or not the City Council would want to pass an ordinance to regulate inappropriate use of cell phone cameras. My opinion is that we should not do this because it is well covered by existing state law. 2) Concerning the Strand Hotel, we had a show cause hearing. The existing defendants have been ordered to tear down the building and they are trying to get a contribution of some of the money from Cam Hanna. The judge signed an order for demolition to be completed by March 1. There is a review set by the judge for February 23 at 8:30 a.m. 3) Our new public defender, Deborah Burchett, is doing a great job.

Veryl Anderson: No report

Kent Anderson: 1) We are testing our nuisance ordinance and a couple of cases have been turned over to the City Attorney. 2) I received a call today from Burlington Northern concerning fencing of right-of-way. If they plan to fence across Allen Street, we may lose our access to the trail from downtown.

David Sypher: 1) Several projects are in process and they should all come together soon. 2) Four responses were received from our fleet management requests. The selection process will start soon and we hope to award an RFP at our next meeting.

3) Well development is one of our upcoming projects. 4) Doug challenged me to come up with some ideas for the Visitor's Information Center and I will be presenting these ideas soon. 5) Steve Harrington will return to work tomorrow. He has been off work for less than two weeks recovering from a shoulder operation. Steve is a very dedicated employee. 6) Union negotiations are continuing forward and I would like to update Council in Executive Session.

Wayne Nelson: 1) I have training in Portland today and tomorrow. 2) We are in process of preparing the 2003 annual report and will present to Council in March. 3) The commander of our police reserve program reported the Kelso Police Reserves have donated 2,391 ½ hours of service (amounting to approximately \$87,000) during 2003. Reserve Officer Ryan Munger was the top participating reserve officer volunteering over 340 hours of service. Rob Dahl volunteered 290 hours and Jake Stout volunteered 289. 4) The teen nightclub, Vortex, has been opened for around six weeks. The reports from our officers have been very good with only a few minor problems. 5) A new Citizen's Academy is starting March 4 and applications are being accepted.

Hope Koistinen: We are still working with the Longview Library staff to get the online catalog with the Kelso profile. If you have a library card and get your pin number activated at the library, you can go on-line to view your account, renew items, and place holds on items without calling the library.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jack Keolker: No report.

Joe Wheeler: 1) There will be an airport meeting Thursday, February 5th. 2) Bob Olson will be retiring soon, and staff is working on his replacement.

Al Slater: Concerning the letters that were sent out to the stakeholders for the Tam O'Shanter Park, I hope part of this process would include encouraging the county to look for grants to fund an extension of Allen Street to Rose Valley. This would reduce a students' travel time one hour a day and alleviate traffic on Allen Street.

Kathleen Johnson: 1) Doug and I went to the AWC Legislative Action Conference in Olympia on Wednesday and Thursday. The conference was very informative. 2) Senator Doumit has backed my granddaughter, Kaitlin Earnest, to be a Senate Page. 3) The Talley Way SR432 project will be so good for Kelso and the entire area and will open up so much in the next five to twenty years. 4) Saturday night I attended the Cowlitz Meth Action Team fundraiser, which is a drug abuse prevention event for our youth.

Mark Chester: No report.

Todd McDaniel: 1) Sign-ups for Kelso Youth Baseball will begin on Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 to 2:00. The cost will be \$50 per child and \$90 per family. T-Ball is \$35. Scholarships are available and we won't turn anyone away if they want to play. 2) I signed the contract for the 11-year-old Baseball Regional Tournament in July. We will host teams from British Columbia, California, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, bringing lots of people to Kelso.

Don Gregory: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss labor contracts. At 8:57 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK

